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Serial No.: 10/820,769	}	
	}	Examiner: Legesse, N
Filed: 04/09/2004	}	
For: GOLF MAT AND PATTERN	}	

REPLY TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENTHonorable Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks  
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Sir:

A NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT dated 10/19/2005, copy attached, has been MISTAKENLY issued.

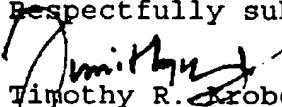
A telephone conference of 10/24 with Shawna Simmer, Legal Instruments Examiner, is acknowledged with appreciation, during which the undersigned was informed that the FORMAL DRAWING Cover Letter hand-filed on September 14, 2005 with the FORMAL DRAWING (3 sheets), has been misplaced by the Patent Office, as a result of which it mistakenly appeared that the 3 sheets of drawings were submitted as Amendments to the drawings.

Proof of submission of the 3 sheets of drawings on September 14, 2005, as a FORMAL DRAWING is enclosed, and consists of a copy of

- 1) date-stamped Receipt Card marked: (x) Formal Drawing (3 sheets);
- 2) TRANSMITTAL FORM marked: [x] Drawing(s) FORMAL (3 sheets);
- 3) FORMAL DRAWING cover letter stating:  
Attached is a FORMAL DRAWING (3 pages) to be replace the originally filed drawing.; and
- 4) the three sheets of FORMAL DRAWINGS.

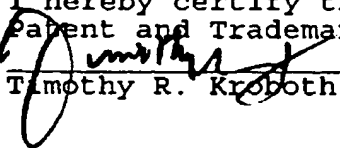
Accordingly, the NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT was mistakenly issued, and withdrawal thereof is requested. Acceptance of the hand-filed FORMAL DRAWINGS is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Application No.

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Examiner

Legess, N.

Art Unit

3711

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The amendment document filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is considered non-compliant because it has failed to meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121. In order for the amendment document to be compliant, correction of the following item(s) is required.

**THE FOLLOWING MARKED (X) ITEM(S) CAUSE THE AMENDMENT DOCUMENT TO BE NON-COMPLIANT:**

- ☐ 1. Amendments to the specification:
- ☐ A. Amended paragraph(s) do not include markings.
  - ☐ B. New paragraph(s) should not be underlined.
  - ☐ C. Other \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ 2. Abstract:
- ☐ A. Not presented on a separate sheet. 37 CFR 1.72.
  - ☐ B. Other \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ 3. Amendments to the drawings:
- ☒ A. The drawings are not properly identified in the top margin as "Replacement Sheet," "New Sheet," or "Annotated Sheet" as required by 37 CFR 1.121(d).
  - ☒ B. The practice of submitting proposed drawing correction has been eliminated. Replacement drawings showing amended figures, without markings, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 are required.
  - ☐ C. Other \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ 4. Amendments to the claims:
- ☐ A. A complete listing of all of the claims is not present.
  - ☐ B. The listing of claims does not include the text of all pending claims (including withdrawn claims)
  - ☐ C. Each claim has not been provided with the proper status identifier, and as such, the individual status of each claim cannot be identified. Note: the status of every claim must be indicated after its claim number by using one of the following status identifiers: (Original), (Currently amended), (Canceled), (Previously presented), (New), (Not entered), (Withdrawn) and (Withdrawn-currently amended).
  - ☐ D. The claims of this amendment paper have not been presented in ascending numerical order.
  - ☐ E. Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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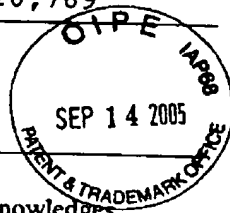
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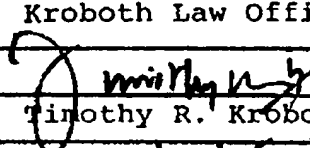
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